

California since 1979 and he served over 20 years on the board of directors and is a past president. In 1994 he was honored by the California Building Industry Foundation for his contributions to the professionalism of the industry and has been inducted into the California Building Industry Hall of Fame.

Mr. and Mrs. Bright established the Bright Family Foundation in 1987 for the purpose of making a contribution to the health and well-being of youth and families in the Central Valley. Over the years the foundation has provided grants to sponsor the Nature Series on KVIE, medical internships at the University of California Medical Center, Hospice, the Children's Crisis Center, and scholarships for students from local high schools to attend Modesto Junior College, University of California, Merced, and California State University, Stanislaus.

Mr. Bright has been associated with the Yosemite Area Council of Boy Scouts for over 20 years. He has served on the board of directors and has been honored with the Silver Beaver Award in 1994. He was also honored by the Boy Scouts of America in 2004.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Calvin Bright for the impact that he has made on the building industry in the Central Valley and the State of California. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing him continued success.

#### A TRIBUTE TO MR. DANNY KING

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS-

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 1, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Danny King, an exemplary community leader.

Mr. King is a 22 year veteran of the New York City Police Department, Board Member of the Central Brooklyn Coordinating Council Inc., Chairperson of the Neighborhood Advisory Board, Board Member of the New York City Department of Youth Community and Development, to name a few. In addition, he served 8 years as the President of the Atlantic Avenue Housing Development Fund Corporation and served 2 years on the USA Women's Shelter Board. He was a member of the Bedford Avenue Boys and Girls Club for over eight years with great memories and many stories to tell.

As President of Youth on the Move Victory over Violence, he continues to support scholarships and awareness programs to combat violence. He humbly received several leadership awards from company employees such as the 2009 Man of the Year Award, 2008 Exemplary Community Award from New Life Center of Truth, a citation as 2007 Distinguished Humanitarian Award from Senator John Sampson's Office, Cambridge Who's Who 2007, Thomas R. Fortune Exemplary 2004 Service Award, 2003 Martin Luther King Spirit of New York Award, Beacon of Hope Award, Wayside Baptist Church Senior Program Leadership Award and many other awards and achievements.

Mr. King currently serves as the CEO of the Federation of Multicultural Programs Inc., and the Federation of Multicultural Programs of New Jersey, Inc. This company is a service

provider of intermediate care group homes, individualized residential alternative homes, community residential homes and programs that include Day Habilitation Programs, a Respite Program, and a Medicaid Service Coordination Program, with services spreading throughout the Boroughs of Brooklyn, Bronx, Manhattan and Counties in the State of New Jersey.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Danny King.

#### A TRIBUTE TO THE SACRAMENTO JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE, THE MATSUYAMA SACRAMENTO SISTER CITY CORPORATION, TERI TAKAI AND RANDELL IWASAKI

#### HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 1, 2009*

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Sacramento Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, the Matsuyama Sacramento Sister City Corporation, Teri Takai and Randell Iwasaki for their contributions to California, Sacramento, and their leadership to Japanese-Americans across the nation.

The Sacramento JACL was formed on October 31, 1931, after the Sacramento Chapter of the American Loyalty League reorganized itself to become the Sacramento Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Through their programs, the Sacramento JACL is dedicated to advancing the civil rights of all Americans, deterring hate crimes across the Nation, and helping to lead the Japanese-American community for social and economic advancement. At their annual dinner on November 19th, they will honor two outstanding individuals and one fine organization, Teri Takai; Randell Iwasaki; and the Matsuyama Sacramento Sister City Corporation.

On December 6, 2007, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced the appointment of Teri Takai as chief information officer for the State of California. As a member of the Governor's Cabinet, she advises him on the strategic management and direction of information technology resources as the state works to modernize and transform the way California does business with its residents and visitors.

Teri also currently serves as practitioner chair of the Harvard Policy Group on Network-Enabled Services and Government. Before serving in the State government, Teri worked for Ford Motor Company for 30 years, where she led the development of the company's information technology strategic plan.

Randell Iwasaki currently serves as the director of the California Department of Transportation, which employs 23,000 people and has an operating budget of \$14 billion.

Working for CalTrans for almost 25 years, Randell spearheaded a number of transportation engineering innovations in California including the use of old tires in rubberized asphalt, the installation of LED red lights saving the State taxpayers more than \$2 million a year in power costs, and the conversion of the CalTrans equipment fleet to clean burning fuels.

A licensed civil engineer, Randell also serves on a number of national transportation panels and committees helping to develop transportation strategies and innovations such as pavement technology that reduces highway noise.

The Matsuyama Sacramento Sister City Corporation was formed on August 17, 1981, when then Sacramento Mayor Phil Isenberg and Mayor Tokio Nakamura of Matsuyama, Japan, signed the historic sister city agreement.

Since 1981, various organizations from Sacramento and Matsuyama have formed inter-continental relationships for social and economic prosperity. Most notably, the Boy Scout exchange program is one of the Sister City's most successful programs where Scouts from Sacramento visit Matsuyama in even years and the Matsuyama Scouts visit Sacramento in odd years.

Other than a short pause just after September 11th, the Matsuyama-Sacramento Boy Scout exchange program has taken place each year since 1981. Sacramento plans to send its next delegation to Matsuyama in 2010.

Madam Speaker, I hereby recognize and honor the Sacramento Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, and the people and organization they are honoring Thursday night: the Matsuyama Sacramento Sister City Corporation, Teri Takai and Randell Iwasaki. Their contributions to the people of California have been immense. I ask all my colleagues to join with me in wishing them continued success.

#### A TRIBUTE TO MS. JOAN HEVONY LAWRENCE CRAWFORD

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS-

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 1, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Joan Hevony Lawrence Crawford who was born in Costa Rica, Central America.

In her young life, Ms. Crawford made the decision to immigrate to the United States with her husband and two young children in order to provide a better life for their family. While in America, she was determined to be a successful educated black woman and she continued her education by completing her high school diploma at the "Boys and Girls" High School in Brooklyn, New York. After receiving her high school diploma she then went on to Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC) to further her studies. While in school, she discovered that she has a passion for helping her community and decided to pursue a career in medicine.

Ms. Crawford's passion and dedication was shown everyday of the thirty-five years she worked at Coney Island Hospital. She was always a hard worker and cared very much for her patients. While at Coney Island she received many promotions and eventually retired as a medical/surgical technician.

Even though she retired in 1996 from Coney Island Hospital, her life did not slow down. After retirement, she became very active in her religious life at East New York Seventh-day Church (ENYSDA). At ENYSDA she is a

very active deaconess where she volunteers for Vacation Bible School, serves for funerals and performs daily church duties. When Ms. Crawford is not serving her community through her church, she enjoys activities such as bowling, shopping, needlepoint and family gatherings.

Ms. Crawford's family includes her husband Dowel Stewart and two daughters, Sonia and Betty, four granddaughters, Nikita Griffith, Tenesha Lewis, Xiomara Okonkwo and Cherrie Lewis and four great grandchildren, Anaiya Davis, Gyselle Brown, Michael Brown and Laila Davis.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Joan Hevony Lawrence Crawford.

IN RECOGNITION OF STRAFFORD  
HIGH SCHOOL FLAMING ARROW  
INDIAN PRIDE MARCHING BAND

**HON. ROY BLUNT**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 1, 2009*

Mr. BLUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today with pleasure and pride to pay tribute to the achievements of the Music Department at Strafford High School in Strafford, Missouri. The Strafford High Flaming Arrow Indian Pride marching band and choir will participate in the events surrounding the December 31st, 2009, Chick-fil-A Bowl in Atlanta, Georgia. A long-standing event at the bowl game is the National Chick-fil-A Bowl Band Festival.

The music festival has clinics and competition for choir, concert band, jazz band and marching band. The Strafford marching band and choir will compete against other schools while the marching band will march in the National Chick-fil-A Bowl Parade in downtown Atlanta on New Year's Eve. Game day, the Strafford band will participate in a pre-game and halftime massed band "extravaganza" of 2,000 members performing in the Georgia Dome Olympic Stadium.

Strafford, Missouri, is my hometown, and I graduated from Strafford High. Today, Strafford has a population of 1,845 citizens, and the high school has approximately 400 students. The band and choir are made up of 55 motivated, hardworking teens in concert and marching band, 20 students in jazz band and 36 students in choir. The music department is under the direction of Shane Harmon.

The Strafford High Flaming Arrow Indian Pride marching band consistently ranks among the best bands in Missouri, earning first place at six judged events this year. At the 2007 Outback Bowl in Tampa, Florida, the Strafford concert band, jazz band and marching band each earned a 1st place Silver rating, and the concert choir earned a 1st place Gold rating. These achievements led to the invitation to participate at the band festival at the Chick-fil-A Bowl. This recognition is the result of long hours of practice, and dedication to excellence by Strafford students, faculty and their families.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. LEONEL  
URCUYO

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS-**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 1, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Leonel Urcuyo and his commitment as a physician of mental health.

After graduating college in Nicaragua and medical school in Madrid, the newly titled doctor began an internship at McGill University in Montreal and did his residency in Psychiatry at New York University, Bellevue Medical Center. By 1975, Dr. Urcuyo was a certified Psychoanalyst for the American Institute for Psychoanalysis for the Karen Horney Psychoanalytic Institute and Center in New York City.

For the past 27 years Dr. Urcuyo has held varying positions at Woodhull Hospital including service as Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry and President of the Woodhull Medical Group. Dr. Urcuyo received one of the highest honors from the Woodhull Auxiliary Annual Gala, and the distinguished Health Excellence Award from Addiction Research and Treatment Corporation/Urban Resource Institute. He is also the proud recipient of the Unsung Hero Community Service Award for Helping Hands, and mostly recently received a Service Citation from New York University School of Medicine.

He is the founding member of the Association of Hispanic Mental Health Professionals, and has published and lectured on many topics including: delivery of care issues, language barriers in evaluating pathology, bilingualism, cross-cultural issues in mental health and chemical dependency, language and psychotherapy, meaning of silence in psychotherapy, elective mutism, cognitive restructuring, depression and suicide.

Dr. Urcuyo is married to Sue Ellen Carney, Ph.D., and is the proud father of two children, Dr. Sergio Urcuyo and Ms. Anya Elena Urcuyo.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Leonel Urcuyo.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR GENERAL  
JOHN R. ALISON

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 1, 2009*

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this means to honor Major General John R. Alison, a distinguished Airman, a dedicated public servant, and a true American hero. Major General Alison served in the United States Air Force during World War II and the Korean War and also served as Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Aeronautics under President Harry Truman. Known as the father of Air Force Special Operations, Major General Alison turned 97 on November 21, 2009.

As a boy growing up in central Florida, Major General Alison dreamed of becoming a pilot for the United States. He graduated from the University of Florida School of Engineering in 1936 and soon after joined the United States Army Air Corps. He earned his wings in 1937 at Kelly Field and went on to serve as

the assistant Military Attaché in England and the Soviet Union.

During World War II, Major General Alison served as commander of the 75th Fighter Squadron, formerly known as the "Flying Tigers." With seven confirmed victories and numerous probable kills, he ended his tour as a combat ace and earned a Distinguished Service Cross and a Silver Star for his unmatched courage and skill. Major General Alison returned home in May of 1943 only to be recalled to co-command the highly innovative 1st Air Commando Group. This secret flying unit flew over 200 miles into enemy territory in support of some 9,000 Allied forces. For his skill and courage as a pilot, he was inducted into the Air Commando Hall of Fame in 1994.

After the war, President Harry Truman called on Major General Alison to serve as Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Aeronautics. In this role, he developed thoughtful recommendations on U.S. foreign policy relating to the Soviet Union, the Marshall Plan, and the European Recovery Program. These recommendations and other documents from his time as Assistant Secretary are held at the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum.

Madam Speaker, Major General John R. Alison has spent his life fighting for our country as a pilot and a public servant. Never wavering in his commitment to freedom and the ideals of our country, he sets a high standard for all Americans. I am proud to call him my friend, and I trust that my fellow members of the House will join me in recognizing this courageous and talented American.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. JENNETTE  
EICHELBARGER WAITERS

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS-**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 1, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jennette Eichelberger Waiters who was born in Columbia, South Carolina. Mrs. Waiters migrated to Brooklyn, NY to further her education.

Mrs. Waiters worked at Kings County Hospital as a nurse's aide and then attended Wyckoff Hospital School of Practical Nursing. She returned to Kings County Hospital and attended New York City Community College to obtain her Associate's Degree in Nursing and made the Dean's list. Mrs. Waiters worked as a head nurse in the chest clinic for 14 years. She worked a total of 45 years in Kings County Hospital doing the things she loves most, caring for the sick and the elderly. Mrs. Waiters worked six months with the Department of Health and also was a relief supervisor at the Metropolitan Jewish Geriatric Center on some weekends for 12 years.

Mrs. Waiters is a God-loving person. She does community work assisting the elderly on shopping trips and helping them to keep their doctors' appointments when needed. She belongs to Bethany Baptist Church where she serves on the Senior Ladies Usher Board as Vice President and a member of the Nurses Unit. She is a member of the Stark Senior Center and is Queen of the Red Hat Society. Mrs. Waiters encourages our youth to continue and pursue their highest goals in education so that they can accomplish anything in life.